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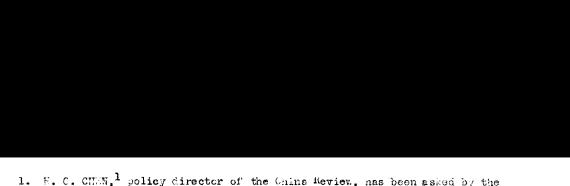
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- 1. E. C. CHEW, 1 policy director of the China Meview, has been asked by the Chinese Conmunist Consul-General, YAO Chung-keang, to reorganize the Chinese Chamber of Commerce. 2 CHEN as been preparing political and oconomic reports on China for Y/O. CHAN's most active assistant is H. T. CHIU. CHEN is an educator, an authropologist, a research student of Chinese history and an economist. He is now teaching at the Overseus Chicese Sidule School and at Calcutta University. He is also a supervisor of the sank of China, although he does not actually have an office in the bank. A senior assistant of the bank, b. M. PANG, calls on CHEN at his residence twice aday for instructions.
- 2. C. H. LANG, manager of the Bank of China, isecting as lisison officer for the new Chinese Communist Consulate in Cacutta.
- 3. M. S. HO, formerly vice-Consul with the KET Consulate, is considering starting an export-import firm in Calcutta with S. K. LIAC, an ex-employee of the KIT Consulate and with Raymond YUNG (aka Young) of the Bank of China.
- 4. S. K. LIAO, who was in charge of the ipotan section of the Consulate from 1947-1946, misappropriated funds from the Consulate. LLFO has no fixed political principles and would collaborate with the Communists if it were profitable.
- 5. TENG A-jul (F F ()) was a former member of the KMT, but has switched his allegiance to the Communists for business reasons. TENG was influential in causing the former executiv. Committee of the Four District Clan Association to Paul enabling him to obtain a place on the new Executive Committee. 4
- 61. KUIN Yung-sheo (関東紀) is a professional gambler with pro-Communist
- 7. CH'M! Yu-yuch (陳有月) is a carpent r who engages in Communist activities 5

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- 8. CH'EN Noi- ch'u (原格和) is the owner of the Chinese Drug store, Ten Ho Tang, and is pro-Communist.
- 9. YMH Chin-nao (養雜鏡) is a gambler who actively supports the Communists.
- 10. M ?-fan (長 ? 藩) is pro-Communist.
- ll. YU Liang-yu (全 夏多) is the assistant manager of the Sun Chang Gold store and is the chairman of the Standing Committee of the Four District Clam Association (FDCA).
- 12. CH'EN Ju-ch'ing () (), an elderly Chinese formerly with the Bank of China, is now with the Leather Syndicate. CH'EN was a RMT sympathizer, but he reversed his allegiance under pressure from the Bank of China.
- 13. CHEN Chen-yu (is a brother-in-law of PANG Wei-hsia (aka PENG Wei-shan) of the Bank of China. PANG uses CHEN's restaurant near New Market as a contact point for Communists.
- 14. T'AN Yuan-teng() is the assistant manager of an American Insurance company.
- 15. T'AN Lien-ta (論度大), a former me abor of the RMT, is now shifting to-wards Communism.
- 16. HU T'ing-chu (胡 廷桥), gambler and carpenter, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is strongly pro-Communist.
- 17. YANG Kuang-fa, professional gambler, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is pro-Communist.
- 18. YANG Chei-ming (), a former seaman, is a member of the Control Committee of the FDCA and is pro-Communist.
- 19. There are about thirty Chinese Clubs in Calcutta. Most of them are small no they are based upon the regions in China from which the members come. The clubs represented by Chinese from Chekiang and Fukien Provinces are more popular since about 60 percent of the local Chinese come from these provinces. The North Chinese have about five or six clubs.
- 20. The Consul-General has formally visited most of these clubs, and he has suggested that a large, centralized club should be set up in Calcutta, equipped with social and educational facilities. He deprecated the provincial feeling which is predominant along the local population, and has expressed his determination to stop gambling and to root out the opium dens from Chinatown. The Consul-General has stated that if necessary he will secure the sid of the Indian administrative authorities to prosecute the drug addicts.
- 21. The Chinese seemen have eight or nine clubs in Central Calcutta and Ridder-pere. These clubs are not functioning effectively because of the transient mature of the members. At present, many of the seamen are suffering from Pinancial difficulties and their unemployment is causing discontent in Chinatown.

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Secretary of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce until the Chinese Communist Government representatives arrived in Calcutta. He is now reported working closely with members of the Executive Committee of the FDCA and has obtained import licenses for certain Calcutta Chinese.

25X1A that GEE had had an interview with SHEN Chien.

25X1A3 Comment. Possibly PENG Wei-shah.

25X1A Comment. All the individuals listed in paragraphs 5 to 15 are now members of the Executive Committee of the FDCA. The meeting place for the FDCA is Kwang Yuan Lee, at 2 Blackburn Lane, Calcutta.

25X1X5 Comment. There is an unconfirmed rumor that CHEM receives a subsidy about the Chinese Communist Consulate.

25X1A Comment. This is a working group within the Executive Committee.

25X1A Comment. The Leather Syndicate is financed by the two Chinese banks in Calcutte, the Bank of thins and the Bank of Communications.

25X1A Comment. Presumably the Communist Consul-General.